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SUBJ: UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: BARTON GROUP MEETING, JANUARY
31 A.M. AND PREPCOM, JANUARY 31, PM

1. SUMMARY

AT JANUARY 31 A.M. MEETING, BARTON GROUP DISCUSSED
WESTERN PROGRAM OF ACTION, THE STRUCTURE OF THE SSOD
DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT, ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS AT
SSOD GENERAL DEBATE, AND ROLE OF NGOS AT SSOD. BARTON
GROUP WILL MEET NEXT FEBRUARY 2 AT 9:30 A.M. TO DISCUSS
MACHINERY FOR DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. PREPCOM
REVISED SEQUENCE OF SECRETARIAT TABULATION (A/AC.187/93)
AND PROVIDED HEADINGS/SUB-HEADINGS TO FACILITATE DRAFTING
EFFORT. END SUMMARY

2. PROGRAM OF ACTION: PER ALDRICH/WEILER JANUARY 31
TELECON, US PROPOSED THAT SECTION IN WESTERN PROGRAM OF
ACTION RESTRUCTING USE OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS BE DELETED
AND THAT LANGUAGE AGREED IN CONNECTION WITH LAWS OF
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WAR CONFERENCE AND CONTAINED IN UNGA RESOLUTION 32/152
BE SUBSTITUTED FOR IT. WHILE FRENCH DEL AGREED WITH
US SUGGESTIONS, POTENTIAL SPONSORS OF THE PROGRAM OF
ACTION EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CHANGES IN THE TEXT AT
THIS LATE DATE WOULD COMPLICATE FINAL APPROVAL BY
CAPITALS. SOME FELT SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE,
E.G. QTE MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS UNQTE WAS INAPPROPRIATE

FOR THIS DOCUMENTS. AUSTRALIAN DEL (HARRY) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED BY USDEL BUT DID NOT BELIEVE THEY APPLIED TO THIS TYPE OF DOCUMENT. IN AN ATTEMPT TO MEET US CONCERNS, HOWEVER, POTENTIAL CO-SPONSORS DECIDED LATER TO INSERT WORD QTE FUTURE UNQTE IN CURRENT TEXT. CURRENT LANGUAGE NOW READS QTE CONVENTIONS PROHIBITING OR LIMITING THE FUTURE USE IN ARMED CONFLICT OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE INDISCRIMINATE IN THEIR EFFECTS OR MAY CAUSE UNNECESSARY SUFFERING UNQTE). CURRENT LIST OF CO-SPONSORS: UK, JAPAN, NORWAY, FRG, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, ITALY, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA. ITALY SAID IT WOULD ALSO CIRCULATE A DOCUMENT OF ITS OWN WHICH WILL NOT BE INCONSISTENT WITH WESTERN PROGRAM OF ACTION. UK ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO TABLE WESTERN PROGRAM OF ACTION IN PREPCOM ON FEBRUARY 1.

3. STRUCTURE OF DECLARATION: CANADA (JAY) OPENED DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM BY STATING THAT SOME NON-ALIGNED DELS SUCH AS YUGOSLAVIA APPEARED TO WANT THE DOCUMENT TO BEGIN WITH A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE DECLARATION ITSELF WHICH WOULD CONTAIN A LONG, RECRIMINATORY ASSESSMENT OF PAST DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. HE SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY WISE TO HAVE AS MUCH OF THE ASSESSMENT AS POSSIBLE PLACED IN THE INTRODUCTION, FROM WHICH WESTERN DELS COULD CONFIDENTIAL

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EVENTUALLY TRY TO HAVE MUCH OF IT DROPPED. UK (ASHE) REPORTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN TALKED TO ON THIS POINT ON JANUARY 30 BY THE YUGOSLAVS, WHO FELT THAT PREPCOM HAD ALREADY AGREED THAT THE DECLARATION WOULD CONTAIN AN ASSESSMENT. US (WEILER) SAID THAT INTRODUCTION WOULD PROBABLY BE TOO SHORT TO INCORPORATE ALL OF THE ASSESSMENT AND THAT SINCE DECLARATION WAS GENERALLY VIEWED AS SELF-CONTAINED DOCUMENT, IT WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE TO CONTAIN AN ASSESSMENT. WEILER SUGGESTED THAT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS NOT WHETHER THE ASSESSMENT WAS IN THE INTRODUCTION OR IN THE DECLARATION, BUT WHETHER IT WAS MODERATE AND REASONABLE. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH THIS POINT. CANADA ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR SSOD DOCUMENTS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ALTHOUGH SUPER-POWERS HAVE A PRIMARLY RESPONSIBILITY, ALL NATIONS SHARE RESPONSIBILITY IN DISARMAMENT -- A CONCEPT TO WHICH MANY OF THE NON-ALIGNED ONLY PAY LIP-SERVICE. US AGREED AND NOTED THAT MUCH OF THE PRESENT MILITARY COMPETITION WAS IN CONVENTIONAL AS WELL AS NUCLEAR ARMS.

4. ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS: AUSTRALIA (HARRY) ANNOUNCED

THAT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD ATTEND THE SSOD ON MAY 30, 31 AND JUNE 1, AND THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO SPEAK ON JUNE 1 WITH MAY 31 AND 30 HIS SECOND AND THIRD CHOICES RESPECTIVELY. ITALY (VINCI) REMARKED THAT MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN MINISTERS WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO ADDRESS THE SSOD RIGHT AFTER THE SPRING NATO MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

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5. NGOS: UK (ASHE) SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY LONDON TO PROPOSE TO THE PREPCOM THAT NGOS BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK DURING THE SSOD GENERAL DEBATE OR, AS A FALLBACK, THAT A SPECIAL DAY BE RESERVED FOR THEM JUST PRIOR TO THE SSOD (E.G., MAY 22) AT WHICH TIME THEY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO MEET IN UN FACILITIES TO ADDRESS THE THEMES OF THE SSOD. ASHE ADDED HE WAS NOT SANGUINE PREPCOM WOULD AGREE TO ALLOW NGOS TO SPEAK DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE, BUT HE HAD SOME HOPE THAT THERE COULD BE AGREEMENT TO SET ASIDE A SPECIAL DAY FOR NGOS. HE SAID THAT THE LATTER PROCEDURE HAD BEEN FOLLOWED AT THE 1932 WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

6. PREPCOM MEETING. AT AFTERNOON SESSION JANUARY 31, PREPCOM MEMBERS RESTRUCTURED SEQUENCE OF ELEMENTS IN SECRETARIAT TABULATION A/AC.187/93 AS PER WISHES OF DRAFTEES OF WORKING PAPERS SO AS TO FACILITATE FUTURE DRAFTING WORK. SECRETARIAT WILL ISSUE REVISION OF TABULATION ORGANIZED IN SEQUENCE PRESCRIBED IN

PARAGRAPH BELOW. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT SUB-HEADINGS
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ARE FOR WORKING PURPOSES ONLY, AND THAT THERE IS
NO DECISION AT THIS TIME ON WHETHER THERE WILL BE SUB-
HEADINGS OR HOW THEY MIGHT BE WORDED.

7. FOLLOWING IS STRUCTURAL SEQUENCE FOR REVISED
SECRETARIAT TABULATION OF A/AC.187/93:

PREAMBLE

I. INTRODUCTION

II. DECLARATION:

A. REVIEW AND APPRAISAL

B. GOALS AND PRIORITIES

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